consciousness that we are enjoying the strength and backing of the entire nation. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Now we will take up the Statutory Resolution in relation to Jammu and Kashmir. The Prime Minister, Shri H.D. Deve Gowda to move the Resolution.

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, before he moves the Resolution, Mr. Indrajit Gupta, the hon. Home Minister is present here. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: He is referring to the massacre in Bihar.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): I did not listen to that. How can you say that?

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: The Leader of the House said that Mr. Indrajit Gupta will come and clarify under what circumstances he made this statement about the Congress President.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): I can follow, Mr. Ahluwalia. Mr. Home Minister, do you want to make a Statement?

## RE: REPORTED REMARKS MADE BY HOME MINISTER AGAINST PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS PARTY- Contd.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): If you direct me, Sir, I will do it. As far as I understood, Mr. Ahluwalia just now wants a clarification about the reported statement that I made in Madras regarding the Leader of their party. First of all, I want to say one thing. If you read the papers carefully you will find that my reported statement is reported differently in different papers. It is not the same in all the papers. However, one thing I wish to say. There are two aspects of this as I found when the matter was raised in the other House this morning. One is whether I had said anything which can amount to pre-judging a verdict of the court in the matter which is now pending before the court and whether I had come to some foregone conclusions regarding the outcome of that case. I have made it clear and I want to repeat now that I have said absolutely nothing which can be interpreted as being a foregone conclusion regarding the outcome of the proceedings before the court. But if any such thing has appeared it is totally wrong. I never said anything about that. Secondly, about the prospects of Mr. Narasimha Rao remaining or not remaining as the President or Leader of his party.

Well, I want to make it quite clear that I had no desire or intention to say anything which amounts to interference in the internal affairs of another party.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): That explanation is all right. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Come out categorically. We want a categorical answer.

SHRI V. NARAYANASWAMY (Pondicherry): I would like to know whether the statement which appeared in the newspapers is true or not. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: I would like to know whether he is contradicting what appeared in the newspaper or whether he stands by that.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (SHRI MD. SALIM): Nothing will go on record except what the Home Minister says.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: I do not know which paper you are referring to. *(Interruptions).* All I was saying was that I had no intention or desire to say anything which would be interpreted as an interference in the internal affairs of another party. If I have said something which gives such an impression, I am sorry for that. Why should I interfere in

the internal affairs of your party? You should look after your own party.